

## Woman's World

Mrs. Bell a United States Commissioner.



MRS. MABEL VAN DYKE BELL.

Mrs. Mabel Van Dyke Bell of Covington, Ky., recently appointed a United States commissioner, is probably the only woman in the United States endowed with judicial powers. Mrs. Bell recently tried her first case, in which she presided with as much dignity as any old practitioner. Her robes of office consisted of a white shirt waist and a brown tailored skirt. She arose and courtesed to the members of the bar in the most dignified manner, disposed of the case and then went home to enforce the domestic laws that govern every well regulated household.

Mrs. Bell had been a deputy in the office of United States Court Clerk John Menzel, and the experience gained there enabled her to preside over her court as flawlessly and with as much judicial dignity as any of her predecessors.

It is the duty of the commissioner to extend preliminary hearing in all cases developing in his jurisdiction and to either dismiss the prisoner, if there is insufficient evidence, or hold him to the next term of the court, if the bond, pass upon the securities and perform other similar duties. Violators of the internal revenue and postal laws, moonshiners, counterfeiters, retailers of liquor without federal licenses and even bankers who may deal in "frenzied finance" to the displeasure of Uncle Sam may be brought before this woman. In all these preliminary hearings the commissioner exercises a judicial function—is, in fact, a judge.

Mrs. Bell is at a loss to understand why such an unusual interest has been taken in her. She regards her commissionership as the most natural thing in the world and her appointment as the natural order of events. However, her two boys, Davis and James, while their mother is officiating as an arm of the United States government, are quite convinced that she is the one woman of the country. These are the only children that resulted from Mrs. Bell's marriage. Before going to the federal building to preside over her first court Mrs. Bell, in the most motherly manner, washed her children's faces and hands, put their clean bibs and tuckers on them and started them off to school.

Besides being the only woman federal jurist in the United States, Mrs. Bell has the distinction of being one of the most attractive of the her sex. She was a belle in her girlhood days. She is still in the twenties and girlish in appearance.

## She's Still Miss La Follette.

Miss Fola La Follette, daughter of the Wisconsin senator, has not assumed for every day use the name of George Middleton, the dramatic author, to whom she was married last October.

Miss La Follette explained as follows why her maiden name appeared on the program:

"It was my desire to retain my own name," said she, "and Mr. Middleton generously consented to it. I believe a woman who has done things should not lose her personality when she marries. If she takes her husband's name she to a certain extent loses the personality which her work has given her."

"I think the time is coming," said she, "when all women will retain their own family names through matrimony. It is not because I am on the stage that I desire to keep my name. It is purely a personal feeling with me. I believe public opinion is tending this way, and in the near future we shall regard it just as reasonable for a wife to ask her husband to take her family name as for a man to ask the woman he marries to adopt his name."

"Of course if a woman feels this way about it she should have an understanding before her marriage. Mr. Middleton is a reasonable man, and he agreed with me in my point of view before our marriage."

## To Wash Khaki Suits.

When washing tan colored clothes or stockings or the khaki colored suits put a little brown dye in the rinsing water and in the starch. One ten cent package of dye dissolved in boiling water and then bottled will last a whole season. It only a little to the water. Using the dye prevents that washed out look so common to the khaki colored suits after laundering.

## BEAUTIFY THE VACANT LOTS.

## Campaign in Kansas to Promote Their Improvement.

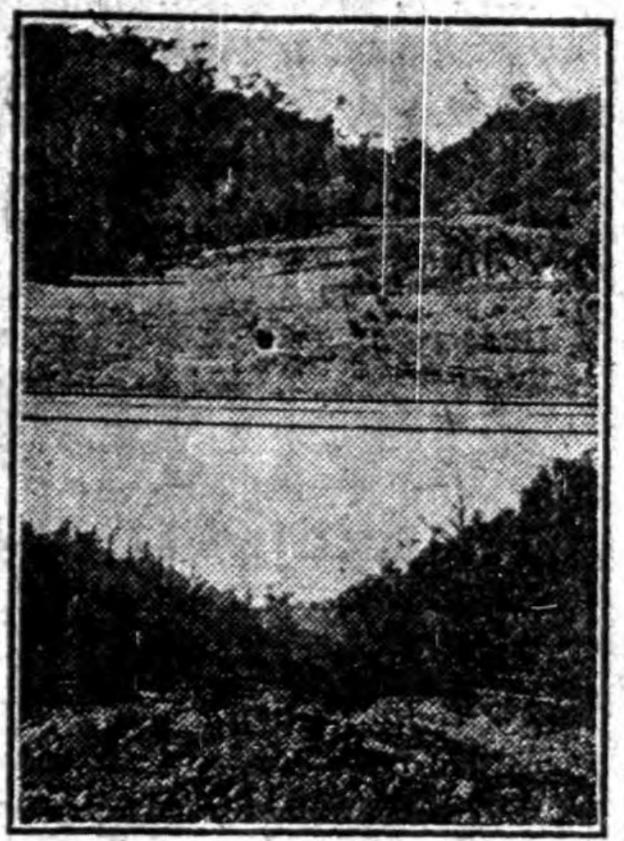
## BOYS AND GIRLS INTERESTED.

State Agricultural College Arranging Contests for the Best Gardens and Vegetable Patches—Prizes to Be Offered—Conditions of the Work.

Idle town lots might well be converted into pretty flower and vegetable gardens by idle boys and girls. It's good for the lots and excellent for boys and girls.

On that platform the extension department of the Kansas Agricultural college is campaigning now for boys and girls' garden contests—a contest or two in every town. Prizes for the best all around family garden, for the prettiest girl's flower garden and prizes also for the best potato patch are offered.

The college can be only a promoter in these contests. It can't offer cash



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prizes. It is urging commercial clubs, other organizations and individuals to assume the responsibility for the prizes and for starting the competition. Flower garden contests for girls and family garden or potato growing contests for boys are suggested. The college is sending information about the growing of vegetables or flowers and blanks upon which to record yields, sales and other information desired by the judges.

Contests already have been started in some towns. For civic improvement and for promoting civic pride, not to mention the other advantages, the contests have proved valuable. In some places this competition has been started in an effort to get the town cleaned up generally as a part of a "city beautiful" campaign. Nothing improves a town's appearance more than transforming its bare or weed ridden lots into vegetable and flower gardens.

The family garden contests are open to boys and girls, too, between the ages of ten and twenty, whether in town or on the farm. The garden plot is to be 50 by 100 feet. In this plot are to be grown at least ten varieties out of a list of sixteen of the common varieties of vegetables. This is the sixteen from which to select: String beans, peas, radishes, lettuce, cabbage, onions, beets, sweet corn, parsnips, salsify, carrots, tomatoes, spinach, turnips, cucumbers and peppers.

In awarding the prizes these points are to be considered: The total amount of vegetables produced, the cost of material and labor and the method of rotation whereby the ground or plot may be made to yield one or more varieties of vegetables throughout the growing season.

## ADS. ON GARBAGE CANS.

Company to Give Montgomery Sanitary Receipts For Nothing.

A representative of an advertising company recently appeared before the city commission of Montgomery, Ala., and offered to present the city with a large number of sanitary garbage cans if the board would agree to allow a certain amount of foreign advertising on the cans. The matter will be taken up later by the commission.

The can is about three feet high and is arranged so garbage can be removed from the bottom, thus obviating the necessity of turning the can over before trash can be removed. It is proposed to place only foreign advertising on the receptacles.

## Inaugurate Spotless Town Campaign.

The Portland (Me.) board of health has been making strenuous efforts to get a movement started in Portland to clean house. In other towns such a proposition has worked out with great success, and as the springtime came these towns that have aspired to be "spotless towns" have inaugurated an organized campaign as a result of which the back yards and foul places in the cities have all been cleaned up.

The board of health is to undertake such a campaign in Portland. It is backed up by the Civic club, and invitations have already been sent to some thirty different organizations in the city asking for co-operation and assistance in the work.

**The Dutch at Church.**  
Men still wear their hats in church in many parts of Holland. Moreover, smoking in church is not considered irreverent by the Dutch when service is not in progress, and the ministers themselves indulge in this practice. Altogether, according to a recent visitor, "the Dutchman has a very comfortable form of religion. You keep your hat on in church and that saves you many a chill; you talk freely and in your natural voice, not in a whisper; you have a neat household in a white cap and apron (and nothing is more cleanly and charming than a Dutch servant maid) to show you to your seat or to offer you a chair; you have nice drab pews of painted deal all around you and a cheerful two decker piano up above."

**Slow Development in the Child.**  
Remembering that Balzac, Walter Scott, Daniel Webster and the great educator, Froebel, were counted as dullards in their youth, the importance of allowing certain minds a slow development is manifest. A child who at fourteen is learning numbers may at forty compose a great epic or discover a new element. Through kindergarten methods, manual training, physical and industrial exercise, dancing and military drill, the attention is arrested, the slumbering mind is roused, the wandering will be recalled—Rheta Childe Dorr in the Century.

**Some Are So by Nature.**  
A certain young man, who prided himself on his unattractiveness that he mistook for wit, met an eminent, but touchy, sculptor at a studio supper. "So you're the chap," he said, on being introduced, "that makes mud heads?"

"Not all of them," the sculptor replied, quietly.—*Youth's Companion*.

**Speculating and Gambling.**  
"Congratulations, old man. I hear you have been speculating successfully."

"No; I lost money."

"That so? Well, you ought to know better than to gamble."—*Kansas City Journal*.



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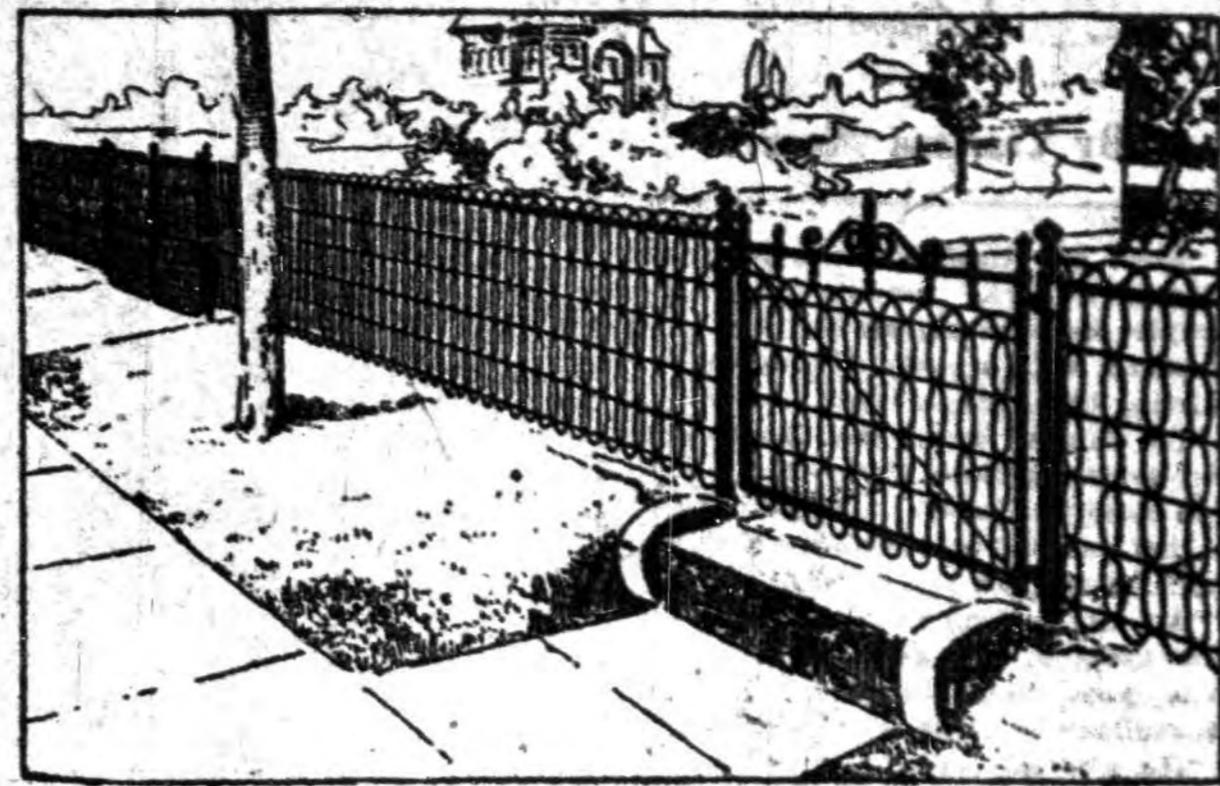
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A first call should be returned within a week or at least within a fortnight. Any of the other calls mentioned should be made promptly.

## Cultivate Kindness.

Kindness is a quality which every girl ought to cultivate. No matter how pretty and fascinating woman may be, she is of little account unless she has a good nature as well.

So many lives have been marred by unkindness, so many hearts wounded by sharp words or bitter retorts. Much as we may regret a hard word we have spoken, it is out of our power to recall it, and all we can do is to try to efface the memory of it by a softer phrase.

Even then the wound may remain unhealed. The great duty of life is to be charitable and kind in both word and action. Remember that "kind words are the music of the world."

They have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes. Life is short. We should make haste to gladden the world all we can by human sympathy and love.

**Birth Announcements.**  
The correct announcement card which is sent out to intimate friends within twenty-four hours after baby's arrival is a beveled edge six inch square of highly glazed cardboard bearing on its upper right hand corner the idealized head of an infant, while running downward along the left no-right side are three dotted lines preceded by the name, date of birth and signature in blue lettering if the recent arrival is a boy and in pink for a girl. The card is signed by whoever sends out the announcement.

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